

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-42 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are 1, 16, 22, and 35. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are 9-15, 20-21, 27-34 and 40-42. New claims added herein are none.

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0004] The Examiner graciously talked with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on November 14, 2007. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to both of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0005] I understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that independent claims would be patentable over the cited art if amended as discussed during the interview.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0007] If the Examiner's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned representative

for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issues quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0008] Please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

Formal Matters

[0009] This section addresses any formal matters (e.g., objections) raised by the Examiner.

Drawings

[0010] The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) as failing to appropriately show detailed images and concepts presented as Applicant's invention. Specifically the Examiner has objected to figures 1-13 and 17-20.

[0011] Herewith, Applicant submits replacement drawings to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Further, Applicant has included with this response a petition to include color drawings. Along with the petition and fees, applicant has proposed amending the specification to include the necessary statements regarding the inclusion of color photos.

Substantive Matters

Claim Rejections under §§ 102 and/or 103

[0012] Claims 1-12, and 22-29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent no 6,766,067 to Freeman.

[0013] Claims 13-15 and 30-31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman in view of Guo "Towards a Mathematical Theory of Primal Sketch and Sketch-Ability".

[0014] Claims 16-20 and 35-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman in view of Freeman "Learning Low-level Vision" (hereinafter LLLV).

[0015] Claims 32-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Freeman in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,263,103 to Freeman.

[0016] In light of the amendments presented herein and the decisions/agreements reached during the above-discussed Examiner interview, Applicant submits that these rejections are moot. Accordingly, Applicant asks the Examiner to withdraw these rejections.

[0017] The Examiner has indicated in the Office Action that claim 21 would be allowable if written into independent form. Applicant appreciates the Examiner indicating that claim 21 contains allowable subject matter. In an attempt to advance prosecution, applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16, 22 and 35 to incorporate the allowable subject matter. Additionally, the remaining

independent claims (13, 30 and 32) have been canceled. As such, each of the remaining claims is in proper form for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of the remaining claims be withdrawn.

Dependent Claims

[0018] In addition to its own merits, each dependent claim is allowable for the same reasons that its base claim is allowable. Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of each dependent claim where its base claim is allowable.

Conclusion

[0019] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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